THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are us under:

Ballia District

All the 20 Telephone exchanges have been replaced by modern Electronic Exchanges of suitable capacity.

Devariya District

Out of 26 total Telephone Exchanges, 7 have already been replaced by modern Electronic Exchanges of suitable capacity. Sixteen Telephone Exchanges have been planned for modernisation and expansion during 1992-93 and remaining 3 in 1993-94.

[*English*]

International Electronic Media in the Country

598. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATIONA AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several international electronic media have been 'invading' Indian skies of late;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to project Doordarshan to meet this challenge; and

(c) the time by which the Government proposes to take concrete steps in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Reception of Foreign TV programmes through satellites is available in various parts of the country.

(b) and (c). Constant efforts continue to be made to bring about a qualitative improvement in the programme format of Doordarshan so as to sustain the interest of its viewers. Arrangements have been made for reception of Doordarshan programmes outside India in the neighbouring countries with a dish antenna. Discussion and study are continuing to further extent the area of transmission of India programmes.

Persons Killed by Militants in Uttar Pradesh

599. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons killed by militants in Uttar Pradesh during the period from June to October, 1991.

(b) the number of militants killed as a result of police action during the said period; and

(c) the total amount provided by the Government as compensation to the families of the people killed by the militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone Connections in Bangalore

600. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI P.C. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections sanctioned during the months January and February 1991, in Bangalore;

(b) whether telephone connections have been provided;

(c) if so, the details thereof;